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Agency Information Collection Activities; Renewal of Currently Approved Information Collection; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request: U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution Application for the National Roster of Environmental Conflict Resolution and Collaboration Professionals

AGENCY: Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation, U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), this document announces that the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution (the U.S. Institute), part of the Udall Foundation, will submit for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review, a renewal request for the currently approved information collection (ICR), OMB control Number 3320-0008: Application for the National Roster of Environmental Conflict Resolution and Collaboration Professionals, currently operating pursuant to OMB clearance which expires August 31, 2012. The renewal request includes revisions to the currently approved collection.

The U.S. Institute published a Federal Register Notice on February 27, 2012 (Volume 77, Issue number 38, 11594, FR 2012-4445), to solicit public comments

for a 60-day period. The U.S. Institute received one comment. The comment and the U.S. Institute's response are included in the ICR.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments regarding this information collection. Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the time spent completing the application ('burden of the proposed collection of information'); (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of technology.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATA OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Direct comments to:

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Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Abstract: The U.S. Institute is a non-partisan federal program established by Congress to provide impartial assistance to parties in resolving environmental, natural resource, and public lands conflicts involving the U.S. government. The U.S. Institute accomplishes much of its work by partnering, contracting with, or referral to, experienced practitioners. In addition, the U.S. Institute maintains the National Roster of Environmental Conflict Resolution and Collaboration Professionals (roster). The Application for the National Roster of Environmental Conflict Resolution and Collaboration Professionals (application) compiles data available from the resumes of environmental neutrals (mediators, facilitators, etc.) into a format that is standardized for efficient and fair eligibility review, database searches, and retrievals.

The roster, the application and the related entry criteria, were developed collaboratively and with the support of partner federal agencies including the Environmental Protection Agency. To apply for membership of the roster a professional needs to complete the application form one time. Once an application is approved, the roster member has access to update information online as needed.

The proposed collection is necessary for screening new applicants and the maintenance of the online roster system. The application is available from the U.S. Institute's website at <http://roster.ecr.gov/reference/documents/2012DRAFTRosterApplication.pdf>

Burden Statement

Affected public: Environmental conflict resolution professionals (new respondents); existing roster members (for updating).

Frequency of Response - new applicants: one time for new applicants.

Frequency of Response - existing applicants: one time first year update by all existing roster members to update existing information to the new format, with suggested updating for major information changes in the following two years.

Estimated Average Annual Respondents: 195 (25 new respondents/year; 310 existing respondents in the first year, 100/year in the following two years).

Total Annual Hours Burden: 234.15 hrs (62.50 hours for new respondents; 465 hours for existing respondents in the first year to update their information to the new format, 25 hours per year for the following two years).

Annual Cost Burden: \$11,055 new response and updates combined (\$2,951 for new respondents/year; \$21,953 for existing respondent updates in the first year, \$1,180 for existing respondent updates in the following two years). Labor costs exclusively; no capital or start-up costs.

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